

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, and 10 are pending in this application.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kawano et al. (U.S. Patent 6,697,836). Claims 3 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawano.

In the present invention, the user inserts a removable memory into whichever terminal device is currently being used. In this manner, the system will send information to the user through the terminal device currently being used. For example, if a user requests information from the network while using a television terminal and then switches to using a telephone before receiving the response, the present invention will realize the user has switched to a new terminal device and send the response to the telephone in an appropriate format. Since the original request was made using a television, the response may be in a video format which is incompatible with the telephone. In this case, the present invention will convert the video format response to a format, such as audio only, which is compatible with the telephone.

To clarify these features of the invention, the present claims have been amended to recite "transmitting the converted message information to said terminal device currently being used by said user" and "converting message information addressed to said authenticated user from a first data format incompatible with the type of said terminal device to a second

data format compatible with the type of said terminal device."  
(Claims 1 and 10)

While Kawano does keep track of which terminal the user is logged onto, Kawano also assumes any information response is to be sent to the same terminal from which the request is made. Kawano does not discuss the situation where a user switches terminals after a request is made but before the response can be sent. Kawano also does not disclose re-formatting a response to accommodate a different terminal device. Hence, Kawano fails to meet this feature of the present invention, and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

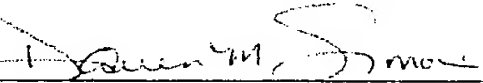
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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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